

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application.  
Claims 1-5, 7-29, and 31-36 are pending.

In an Office Action dated August 29, 2001, the Office rejects pending claims 1-5, 7-29, and 31-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,583,560 to Florin et al. (hereinafter, "Florin"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,003 to Chor et al. (hereinafter, "Chor").

In the previous Office Action dated April 4, 2001, the Office recognizes that Florin does not disclose:

"displaying the primary display screen on a television through a web browser program", as recited in independent claims 1 and 33 (*Office Action* pp. 2 and 6, respectively);

"displaying the primary display screen through a web browser program", as recited in independent claims 20, 26, and 34-35 (*Office Action* pp. 4, 5, and 7 respectively);

"the primary display screen comprises a screen image displayed through an interactive display environment including World Wide Web content", as recited in independent claim 29 (*Office Action* p.6); or

"the primary display screen being displayed through a web browser program", as recited in independent claim 36 (*Office Action* p.7).

1        Thus, the Office cites Chor, which is assigned to the Microsoft Corporation,  
2 for the recognized deficiencies of Florin.

3        An assignment for the subject application was submitted in response to the  
4 previous Office Action. The assignment indicates that the entire rights in the  
5 subject application have been conveyed to WebTV Networks, Inc. Additionally,  
6 WebTV Networks, Inc. was acquired as a wholly owned subsidiary of the  
7 Microsoft Corporation in July of 1997.

8        The subject application was filed on June 29, 1998, after the Microsoft  
9 Corporation acquired WebTV Networks, Inc. Accordingly, Chor and the subject  
10 application were commonly owned by the same organization, the Microsoft  
11 Corporation, at a time when the invention of the subject application was made.  
12 Please refer to the Declaration which is included herewith to evidence that the  
13 subject application was owned by the Microsoft Corporation at a time when the  
14 invention of the subject application was made.

15        The Continued Prosecution Application filed May 23, 2001 provides that  
16 the subject application has a filing date after November 29, 1999. Accordingly,  
17 Chor is disqualified as prior art against the claimed invention pursuant to  
18 35 U.S.C. §103(c) via 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

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1 Conclusion

2 Pending claims 1-5, 7-29, and 31-36 are in condition for allowance.  
3 Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues  
4 remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact  
5 the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.  
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